

H. Res. 210

In the House of Representatives, U.S.,

April 28, 2005.

Whereas intellectual property is the backbone of our Nation's economic competitiveness and the only sector where the United States has a trade surplus with every nation in the world;

Whereas all nations can use the intellectual property system to achieve economic growth and cultural development;

Whereas intellectual property plays an important role in an increasingly broad range of areas, ranging from the Internet to health care to nearly all aspects of science and technology and literature and the arts, and understanding the role of intellectual property in these areas—many of them still emerging—often requires significant new research and study;

Whereas World Intellectual Property Day provides an opportunity to reflect on how intellectual property touches all aspects of our lives: how copyright helps bring music to our ears and art, films, and literature before our eyes, how industrial design helps shape our world, how trademarks provide reliable signs of quality, and how patenting helps promote ingenious inventions that make life easier, faster, safer—and sometimes completely changes our way of living;

Whereas World Intellectual Property Day is an opportunity to encourage young people everywhere to recognize the creator, the problem-solver, and the artist within themselves, because the classrooms of today will produce the entrepreneurs, the scientists, the designers, and the artists of tomorrow;

Whereas the over-arching objectives for World Intellectual Property Day 2005 are to reach out to young people about the importance of intellectual property, to increase understanding of how protecting intellectual property rights helps foster creativity and innovation, and to raise awareness of the importance in daily life of patents, copyrights, trademarks, and designs;

Whereas April 26, 1970, was the date on which the Convention establishing the World Intellectual Property Organization entered into force;

Whereas in 2000, member states of the World Intellectual Property Organization established World Intellectual Property Day to celebrate the contribution made by innovators and artists to the development and growth of societies across the globe and to highlight the importance and practical use of intellectual property in our daily lives; and

Whereas April 26, 2005, has been designated as World Intellectual Property Day as a time to celebrate the importance of intellectual property to the United States and world economy: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives—

(1) supports the goals of World Intellectual Property Day to promote, inform, and teach the importance

of intellectual property as a tool for economic, social, and cultural development;

(2) congratulates the World Intellectual Property Organization for building awareness of the value of intellectual property and developing the necessary infrastructure to help citizens take full advantage of their own creativity;

(3) applauds the ongoing contributions of human creativity and intellectual property to growth and innovation and for the key role they play in promoting and ensuring a brighter and stronger future for the Nation; and

(4) recognizes that intellectual property continues to face serious, new challenges, which affect prospects for future growth of the United States economy.

Attest:

Clerk.